

## INSIDE TODAY

### U.S. NEWS

#### PAINFUL CHAPTER



In this photo, taken April 16, 2009, President Barack Obama speaks in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House campus in Washington. Seeking to move beyond what he calls a "a dark and painful chapter in our history," President Barack Obama said Thursday, April 16, 2009, that CIA officials who used harsh interrogation tactics during the Bush administration will not be prosecuted.

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### SPORTS NEWS

#### MLB ROUNDUP



In this July 22, 2006 file photo, broadcaster John Madden appears for the upcoming NBC sports show "Football Night In America" at the Summer Television Critics Association Press Tour in Pasadena, Calif. Madden, the burly former coach who has been one of pro football's most popular broadcast analysts for three decades, is calling it quits.

See Sports Today



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## Athletes arrive for CARIFTA Games 2009



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### More Space And More Variety

## Louis Vuitton Has Expanded Boutique In Renaissance Mall



ORANJESTAD - Aruba was introduced to the world renowned company, Louis Vuitton located in the Renaissance Mall. Louis Vuitton has extended a very high quality of service to its clients, offering them products of exquisite taste and quality. And today we can notice that Louis Vuitton has expanded itself for the Aruban Community. Luois

Vuitton expanded the space they occupy in Renaissance Mall, so as to offer more variety and a better selection to their clientele. With this we can also note that they have a new collection for male and female, better known as the "Ready to Wear Collection." And they officially launched their collection of luxury watches.

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# 2008 Best Year ever for AAA

*Drastic improvement of operational, commercial and financial performance*



ORANJESTAD - After a record-breaking 2007, Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) registered another substantial increase in traffic in 2008. The impressive increase in passenger numbers during the first seven months came to an abrupt halt in the summer period, however, due to oil and fuel prices rising to unprecedented levels and the subsequent banking and global economic recession affecting volumes negatively from September onwards.



The number of Passenger Facility Charge paying (departing) passengers ("PFC passengers") nevertheless increased with 6.3% to 969,687 for the full year, setting a new record. The total number of passengers processed by the airport (including transfer, transit and general aviation passengers) grew with 7.4% and was just short of the two million mark. Total aircraft movements increased with 2.7% to 36,818 movements, including the more than 8,000 aircraft movements from the private and business aircraft at the southside of the airport. These general aviation movements have also increased in 2008 over 2007 with 8.4% to 8,270 aircraft movements and passenger numbers were up 20.3% to 9,998 departing passengers.



These high volumes helped further boosting revenues to AAA, which were up 16.1% compared to 2007. The increasingly positive operational figures continue to be positively affected by continued cost efficiency measures and tangible results of the Strategic Cooperation Agreement with Schiphol International B.V., the international branch of Schiphol Group ("Schiphol").



Total expenses increased with 5.8% but remained at budgeted amounts. Non-aeronautical revenues increased sharply (57.9%) as a result of the first full year of implementation of the revised commercial policy. Most 2008 investments were related to the realization of airside safety provisions (Runway End Safety Areas and Approach Lighting) and reconfiguration of the existing terminal and gate areas.





*Concepts also appreciated by the passengers*

# New Retail and F&B Concepts at Airport prove to be successful

*Skytrax World Airport Awards™ 2008*

ORANJESTAD - The new concession philosophy for retail and food and beverage operations in the airport terminal has brought very positive results for the Aruba Airport Authority, both in financial results and customer satisfaction.

Overall, commercial concession revenues from retail, F&B and car rental operators increased with 175% during 2008 compared to 2007. Total gross sales of the retail and F&B operators in 2008 increased with 35% compared to 2007 and the overall spend per departing passenger increased with 27%. Retail spend is up 29% and F&B spend is up 21%. The following graph shows the gross sales of all products categories for the year 2007 and 2008, as well as the concession revenue for AAA.

In 2008, the car rentals completed their first full year under their new concession agreements which took effect in December 2007. Total revenues to AAA from concession fees charged to the car rentals were almost seven times the amount received in 2007 (+586%). Under the new agreements, the 10 current car rental operators (26 operators in the old situation) started paying a sales-based concession fee percentage, resulting in this large increase in concession revenues for AAA.

The customers' appreciation for the airport's new concepts was amongst others demonstrated by being awarded runner-up status in the category Latin America/ Caribbean of SKYTRAX' WORLD AIRPORTS AWARDS™ 2008 ("The Traveler's Choice Awards"). This annual World Airport Survey is conducted by UK-based aviation research organization Skytrax, with more than 8.2 million questionnaires completed by passengers across the world.

Passenger interviews include a detailed appraisal for more than 40 categories of product and service quality from check-in to departure, from arrivals to baggage collection - including terminal cleanliness, staff efficiency, staff courtesy, terminal signage, security processing, immigration and customs, walking distances, as well as features like shopping, dining options, and internet services. The World Airport Awards are conducted without outside sponsorship, and the survey is funded internally by the research organization Skytrax.



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*For Aruba Wine & Dine kitchen staffers*

# The focus is on hygiene and safety during HACCP training

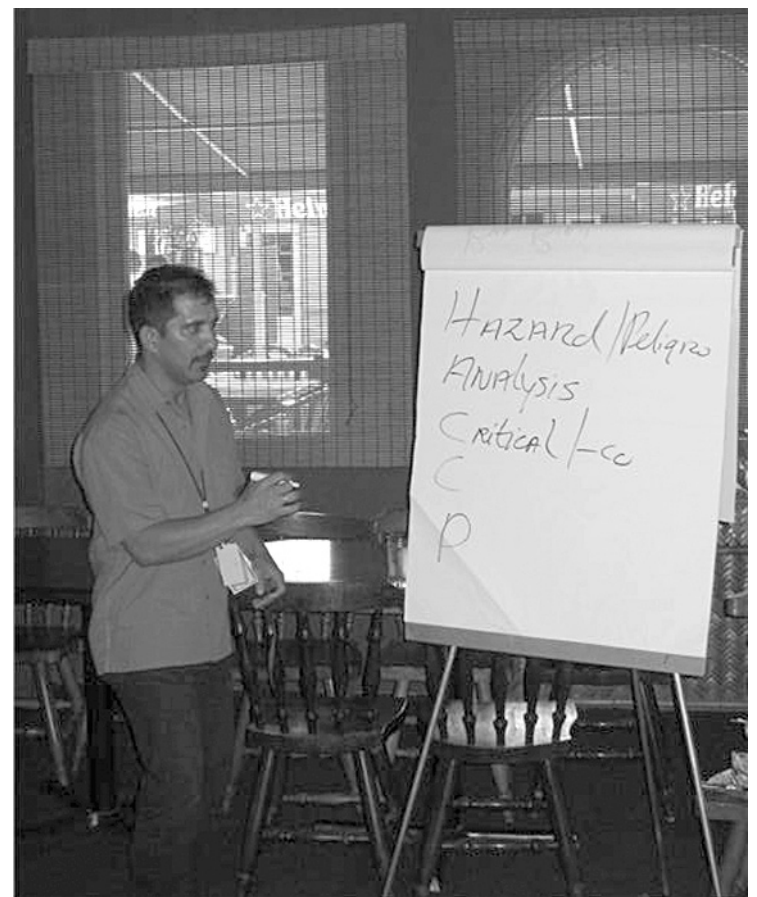
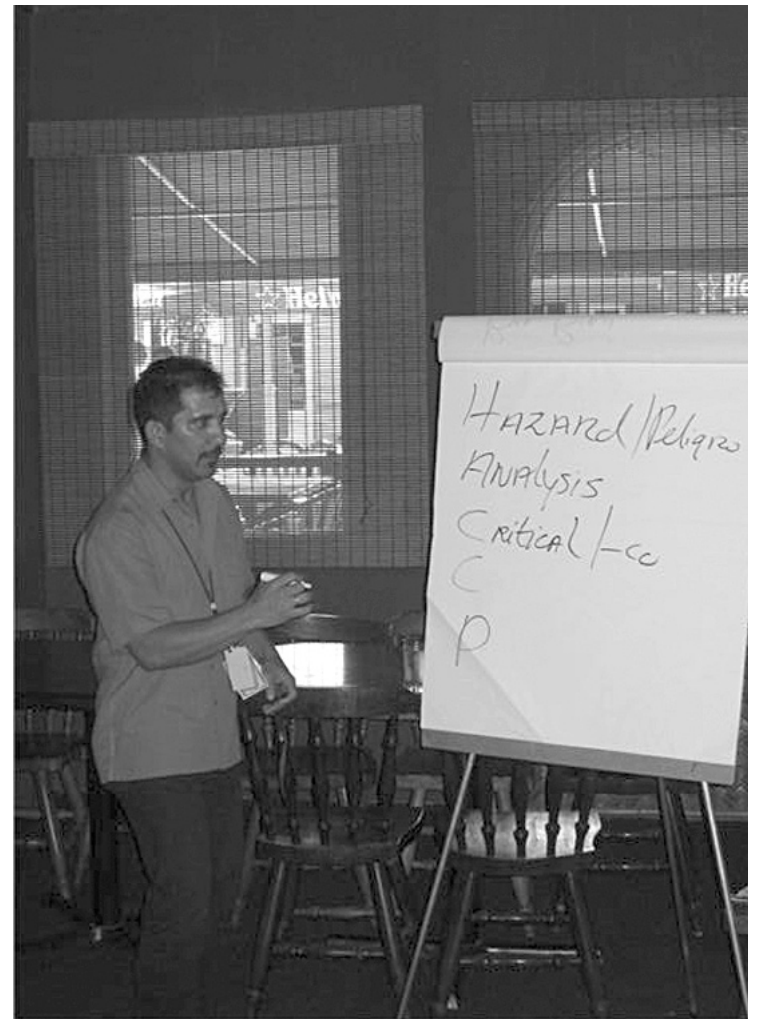


PALM BEACH - Kitchen helpers, chefs and assistant chefs of Salt & Pepper, Tango Restaurant, Fishes and More and Cactus Jack's were treated to a most interesting HACCP training this past week.

The group, all members of the Aruba Wine and Dine chain, learned valuable lessons about the potential hygienic risks while

working with food. This HACCP training is a step-by-step program to enlighten employees and to make restaurants and their guests safer. HACCP is short for Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points. In the process that starts with food entering a kitchen until a dish is served, there are several critical moments regarding hygiene. When employees are aware of

these, they are one step ahead prevention-wise. Dangerous bacteria can exist, and therefore a tour of a restaurant kitchen was made and danger-prone nooks and crannies pointed out. Any kitchen should be kept sparkling clean, of course, but with the well-being of guests in mind, a restaurant kitchen should be exemplary, of course!

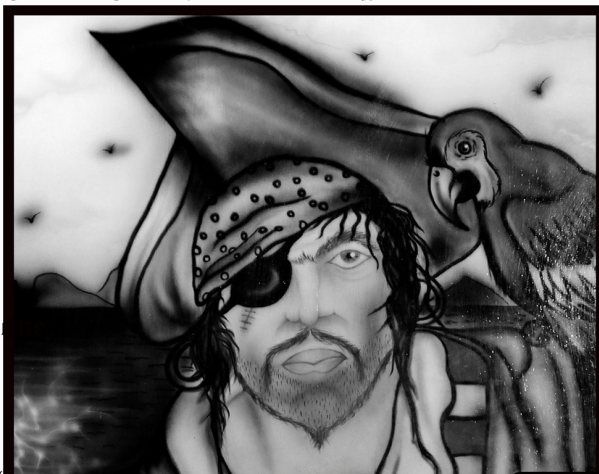


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Hadicurari just finished a wine competition organized by Arion Wines. The winner of last year Demian Gibbs again sold the most of Carmen chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and merlot. The Prize was gift certificate of Ling and Sons.



# Representatives of Rio Hacha, Colombia were on Aruba for an official visit



ORANJESTAD - Recently Mr. Camilo Muyale, president of Tiara Air Aruba extended a invitation to Mr. Ivan Velaidez of Solera Travels of Rio Hacha, Colombia. The purpose for this visit was to give a presentation of Rio Hacha in Aruba, and also show the possibilities of tourism between Aruba and Colombia.

Mr. Ricardo Croes of the ATA office took Mr. Velaidez on a tour of Aruba, being that it's his first time here.

Mr. Valeidez hopes that with this trip he can show the people of Aruba what Rio Hacha has to offer as a vacation destination, according to Mr. Croes of ATA the Colombian executive was

very impressed with Aruba and it's beauty as an Island, and also promises to bring many tourists from Colombia to the Island of Aruba.

Rio Hacha it self is a small town rich in culture and a destination visited by many in the Caribbean and South America it self, Rio Hacha or River of the Axe.



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# At The Westin Aruba Resort It's a clean sweep on Palm Beach!

PALM BEACH —On Wednesday morning, the management and staff of The Westin Resort, Aruba organized their own beach and road clean-up day. Doing a clean sweep of the resort's beachfront, as well as the adjacent public beach and surrounding areas on the boulevard, was a joint effort with many resort departments

offering a helping hand. Many of the volunteers, with General Manager Richard Roy were amazed at what they were able to scour from the beaches—plastic cups and cigarette butts left behind by beachgoers seemed to be the biggest culprits. As it is the cusp of nesting season for sea turtles on Aruba's beaches, extra



care was taken to remove any plastic bags from the surf, which can be mistaken as jellyfish—a favorite in the sea turtle diet—and deadly to the endangered animal. The crew as seen in our pictures apparently had fun as they participate in the clean up, as part of the monthly Sponsor-A-Mile, an island-wide initiative encouraged by the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association.

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So what takes your fancy tonight? Is it a night for tapas, steaks, pizza or seafood? Well, you can choose between Salt & Pepper, Tango, Casa Tua and Fishes and More with its fabulous Early Bird special. Each of these restaurants is a hit with locals and tourists alike and the outside terraces are always busy. The cozy set-up of Arawak Garden ensures that you will feel right at home there and its nightly live music guarantees a magical ambiance.

Soprano's, the Piano Bar next to Casa Tua is another story: internationally acclaimed piano players play your requests: evergreens, hard rock, romantic ballads or reggae, the piano man knows your song. Most of the time the bar is jammed and every evening the place is hopping and bopping to the music until the early hours. Go there for an after dinner drink and stay, stay, stay...

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For this season as well, the accessories are not left out, or forgotten. Louis Vuitton has an ample collection of accessories that you can combine with any dress of the Louis Vuitton brand. It goes without mentioning that you could never go without their wide collection of lavish handbags with their classic monogram branded on them that have been designed by the artists Sprouse. The newest models are being modeled by Madonna to bring recognition to the already world renowned brand. During a well attended event by

Louis Vuitton held for its faithful clients here in Aruba, they presented their new line of watches and dress wear. All in attendance were genuinely impressed with their new collection of dress wear and watches. In short, Louis Vuitton is a store of high class, providing its clients with the very best in products, made with real dedication and passion to meet the highest standards of luxury and perfection. They are located in the Renaissance Mall, stop and visit their store or call for more info, 588-0209.







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# Visitors honored at Aruba Beach Club

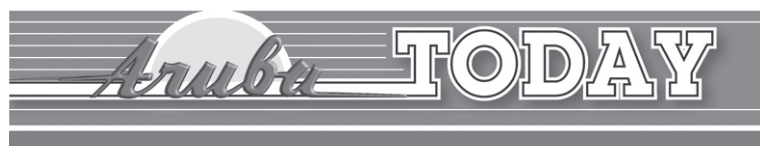


ORANJESTAD — Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority honored Ronna and Dr. Bernard Telsey, Eugene & Susan Simson, Robert & Mary Clearly and John & Ronnie Keltz as Goodwill Ambassadors of the island of Aruba for visiting the island for more than 20 consecutive years. Kenneth & Linda Housmand and Randy & Nancy Harbour were recognized as Distinguished Guests of the island for visiting Aruba for 10 consecutive years.

Mr. Francis Jacobs of the PR Department of the Aruba Tourism Authority awarded plaques and certificates to Aruba's guests on behalf of the Government of Aruba. Mrs. Izaira Pirela of the Activities Department of the Aruba Beach Club was also present during the official ceremonies. Assisting Jacobs with the ceremony was Carlos Terranova who is currently an intern at the Aruba Tourism Authority.







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# Choosing a Better Future in the Americas

## President Barack Obama

As we approach the Summit of the Americas, our hemisphere is faced with a clear choice. We can overcome our shared challenges with a sense of common purpose, or we can stay mired in the old debates of the past. For the sake of all our people, we must choose the future.

Too often, the United States has not pursued and sustained engagement with our neighbors. We have been too easily distracted by other priorities, and have failed to see that our own progress is tied directly to progress throughout the Americas. My Administration is committed to the promise of a new day. We will renew and sustain a broader partnership between the United States and the hemisphere on behalf of our common prosperity and our common security.

In advance of the Summit, we have begun to move in a new direction. This week, we amended a Cuba policy that has failed for decades to advance liberty or opportunity for the Cuban people. In particular, the refusal to allow Cuban Americans to visit or provide resources to their families on the island made no sense – particularly after years of economic hardship in Cuba, and the devastating hurricanes that took place last year. Now, that policy has changed. The U.S.-Cuba relationship is one example of a debate in the Americas that is too often dragged back to the 20th century. To confront our economic crisis, we don't need a debate about whether to have a rigid, state-run economy or unbridled and unregulated capitalism – we need pragmatic and responsible action that advances our common prosperity. To combat lawlessness and violence, we don't need a debate about whether to blame right-wing paramilitaries or left-wing insurgents – we need practical cooperation to expand our common security.

We must choose the future over the past, because we know that the future holds enormous opportunities if we work together. That is why leaders from

Santiago to Brasilia to Mexico City are focused on a renewed partnership of the Americas that makes progress on fundamental issues like economic recovery, energy, and security.

There is no time to lose. The global economic crisis has hit the Americas hard, particularly our most vulnerable populations. Years of progress in combating poverty and inequality hangs in the balance. The United States is working to advance prosperity in the hemisphere by jumpstarting our own recovery. In doing so, we will help spur trade, investment, remittances, and tourism that provides a broader base for prosperity in the hemisphere.

We also need collective action. At the recent G-20 Summit, the United States pledged to seek nearly half a billion dollars in immediate assistance for vulnerable populations, while working with our G-20 partners to set aside substantial resources to help countries through difficult times. We have called upon the Inter-American Development Bank to maximize lending to restart the flow of credit, and stand ready to examine the needs and capacity of the IDB going forward. And we are working to put in place tough, clear 21st century rules of the road to prevent the abuses that caused the current crisis. While we confront this crisis, we must build a new foundation for long-term prosperity. One area that holds out enormous promise is energy. Our hemisphere has bountiful natural resources that could make renewable energy plentiful and sustainable, while creating jobs for our people. In the process, we can confront climate change that threatens rising sea levels in the Caribbean, diminishing glaciers in the Andes, and powerful storms on the Gulf Coast of the United States.

Together, we have both the responsibility to act, and the opportunity to leave behind a legacy of greater prosperity and security. That is why I look forward to pursuing a new Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas that will help us learn from one

another, share technologies, leverage investment, and maximize our comparative advantage.

Just as we advance our common prosperity, we must advance our common security. Too many in our hemisphere are forced to live in fear. That is why the United States will strongly support respect for the rule of law, better law enforcement, and stronger judicial institutions.

Security for our citizens must be advanced through our commitment to partner with those who are courageously battling drug cartels, gangs and other criminal networks throughout the Americas. Our efforts start at home. By reducing demand for drugs and curtailing the illegal flow of weapons and bulk cash south across our border, we can advance security in the United States and beyond. And going forward, we will sustain a lasting dialogue in the hemisphere to ensure that we are building on best practices, adapting to new threats, and coordinating our efforts.

Finally, the Summit gives every democratically-elected leader in the Americas the opportunity to reaffirm our shared values. Each of our countries has pursued its own democratic journey, but we must be joined together in our commitment to liberty, equality, and human rights. That is why I look forward to the day when every country in the hemisphere can take its seat at the table consistent with the Inter-American Democratic Charter. And just as the United States seeks that goal in reaching out to the Cuban people, we expect all of our friends in the hemisphere to join together in supporting liberty, equality, and human rights for all Cubans. This Summit offers the opportunity of a new beginning. Advancing prosperity, security and liberty for the people of the Americas depends upon 21st century partnerships, freed from the posturing of the past. That is the leadership and partnership that the United States stands ready to provide.



# Michael & Marianne Reder honored at Aruba Divi Village



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The Reders commented that they continue to return to Aruba for the climate, the friendly people, the beautiful beaches and fabulous restaurants. Divi Village General Manager Gerrit Griffith and Activities Coordinator Gloria Defoe were also present during the official ceremonies.



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## Goodmorning Zumba gets dancers into shape at Havana



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President Barack Obama, left, speaks alongside Mexican President Felipe Calderon after arriving at the Los Pinos presidential residence in Mexico City Thursday April 16, 2009. President Obama is in Mexico for a brief official visit on his way to attend the Summit of the Americas in the Caribbean.

Associated Press

## Obama pledges help to slow U.S. arms flow

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MEXICO CITY (AP) —

Confronting a Mexican drug war that is “sowing chaos in our communities,” President Barack Obama signaled Thursday he will not seek renewal of a U.S. assault weapons ban but instead will step up enforcement of laws banning the transfer of such guns across the border.

Obama had pledged during his campaign to seek renewal of the ban but has bowed to the reality that such a move would be unpopular in politically key U.S. states and among Republicans as well as some conservative Democrats.

Obama met with Mexican President Felipe Calderon, who has been conducting an aggressive fight against drug cartels and had hoped to persuade Obama to push

for reinstatement of the gun ban. Obama arrived here on the first stop of a trip that will take him to a weekend Summit of the Americas in Trinidad, bringing together the leaders of 34 Western Hemisphere democracies.

Allies in the fight against drugs, Obama and Calderon took different stands on U.S. sanctions against Cuba. Calderon said the 47-year-old U.S. trade embargo has not been successful in forcing Cuba to adopt democratic reforms.

“We do not believe that the embargo or the isolation of Cuba (is) a good measure for things to change in Cuba,” Calderon said. “On the contrary. Their reality that we see there is that their reality has not changed.”

Obama pointed to the announcement this week that the U.S. was softening

sanctions, allowing Americans to make unlimited transfers of money and visits to relatives in Cuba. But he said Cuba needs to reciprocate with actions that are “grounded in respect for human rights.”

Obama acknowledged that the United States shares responsibility for bloodshed and kidnappings in Mexico that have spilled across the border into the United States. “I will not pretend this is Mexico’s responsibility alone,” Obama said.

“We have a responsibility as well, we have to do our part,” Obama said. He said the U.S. must crack down on domestic drug use and the flow of weapons into Mexico. Obama also said the United States and Mexico must work together to stem the problem of illegal immigration.

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## No charges against CIA officials for waterboarding



In this April 15, 2009 file photo, Attorney General Eric Holder addresses a dinner marking the opening of the West Point Center for the Rule of Law at West Point Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. Seeking to move beyond what he calls a “a dark and painful chapter in our history,” President Barack Obama said Thursday, April 16, 2009, that CIA officials who used harsh interrogation tactics during the Bush administration will not be prosecuted.

Associated Press

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration have informed CIA officials who used waterboarding and other harsh interrogation tactics on terror suspects that they will not be prosecuted, senior administration officials told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Even before President Barack Obama took office in January, aides signaled his administration would be unlikely to bring criminal charges against CIA employees for their roles in the secret, coercive terrorist interrogation program, because it had been deemed legal at the time through opinions issued by the Justice Department under the

former Bush administration.

The statement being issued Thursday by Attorney General Eric Holder, the nation’s chief law enforcement officer, is the first definitive assurance that those CIA officials are in the clear, as long as their actions were in line with the legal advice at the time.

The officials spoke about the Holder statement ahead of its release on condition of anonymity, so as not to preempt the attorney general.

The CIA has acknowledged using waterboarding, a form of simulated drowning, on three high-level terror detainees in 2002 and 2003, with the permission of the White House and the Justice Department.

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## Survey: U.S. newspapers shed 5,900 jobs in 2008

NEW YORK (AP) — American daily newspapers cut 5,900 newsroom jobs in 2008, according to a survey from the American Society of News Editors.

The group says this was the steepest cut since the survey began in 1978. This year’s tally counted 46,700 newsroom jobs, down from a 1990 peak of 56,900. Newspapers have been shedding jobs to deal with steep declines in advertising that have been made worse by the recession.

The survey also found that the percentage of minorities in U.S. newsrooms held steady at roughly 13 percent.



## Arms flow

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He said he favors a more orderly process for immigrants who want to come to the United States and a pathway to legalization for those already in the U.S. illegally. "My country has been greatly enriched by immigrants from Mexico," he said. The two leaders also pledged to cooperate on combatting global warming and the global recession. The U.S. ban on military-style assault weapons became law during the Clinton administration in 1994 and contributed to the Democrats' loss of Congress that year. It expired under the Bush administration in 2004. When Attorney General Eric Holder raised the idea of reinstituting the ban this year, opposition from Democrats and Republicans emerged quickly. "We know that it is a politically delicate topic because Americans truly cherish their constitutional

rights," Calderon said. Obama said he still believed that the ban "made sense" but pointedly added: "None of us are under any illusion that reinstating that ban would be easy." He said he would focus instead on using existing laws to stop the flow of weapons to Mexico from the thousands of U.S. gun stores along the border. "Now, are we going to eliminate all drug flows, are we going to eliminate all guns coming over the border?" Obama said. "That's not a realistic objective. What is a realistic objective is to reduce it so significantly, so drastically, that it becomes once again a localized criminal problem as opposed to a major structural problem that threatens stability in communities along those borders." Calderon welcomed Obama to the presidential residence, Los Pinos, with an acknowledgment of the challenges: "My country is immersed in a historic transformation process. We live a robust democracy, which is also plural. We're

also facing firmly the costs of the struggles in order to turn Mexico into a safer country." Obama announced he would ask the Senate to ratify an inter-American weapons treaty meant to take on the bloody drug trade by restricting arms trafficking. Just hours before Obama arrived in the country, a shootout between Mexican troops and a convoy of gunmen left 15 assailants and one soldier dead, Mexico's Defense Department said. The Justice Department says Mexican drug trafficking organizations represent the greatest organized crime threat to the United States. The Organization of American States adopted the weapons treaty in 1997 as a way to curtail dealing in illicit firearms throughout Latin America. Since then, 34 countries have signed the treaty, and 29 have ratified it. Former President Bill Clinton signed the treaty on Nov. 14, 1997, one day after it was endorsed by the OAS, but it was never acted on.



Soldiers arrive to the crime scene where a man was killed in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Drug violence has spiked since Mexico's President Felipe Calderon began a national crackdown on organized crime in 2006. Battles among cartels, their rivals and soldiers have led to nearly 9,000 deaths and a cross-border crime spillover.

Associated Press

Calderon's aggressive stand against drug cartels has won him the aid of the United States and the prominent political backing of Obama. Mexico is the main hub for cocaine and other drugs entering the U.S., and the United States is the primary source of guns used in Mexico's drug-related killings. More than 10,000 people have been killed in Mexico in drug-related violence since

Calderon's stepped-up effort against the cartels began in 2006. The State Department says contract killings and kidnappings on U.S. soil, carried out by Mexican drug cartels, are on the rise as well. Obama has dispatched hundreds of federal agents, along with high-tech surveillance gear and drug-sniffing dogs, to the Southwest to help Mexico fight drug cartels.

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## Waterboarding

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Former CIA Director Michael Hayden said waterboarding has not been used since, but some human rights groups have urged Obama to hold CIA employees accountable for what the groups and many Obama officials and others around the world consider torture.

The Holder statement was being issued by the Justice Department along with the release of four significant Bush-era legal opinions governing, in graphic and extensive detail, the interrogation of terror detainees, the officials said. One of the memos was produced by the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel in August 2002, the other three in 2005.

The memos, released to meet a court-approved deadline in a lawsuit against the government in New York by the American Civil Liberties Union, detail the dozen harsh techniques approved for use by CIA interrogators, the officials said. A statement from Obama also was being released along with Holder's comments and the documents.

One memo specifically authorized how to combine multiple techniques, a practice human rights advocates argue is particularly harmful and crosses the line into torture even if any of the individual methods do not.

The Obama administration last month released nine legal memos related to the interrogation program and probably will release more as the lawsuit advances. But the four released Thursday represent the fullest accounting by the government of the methods authorized and used and is the complete list, the officials said.

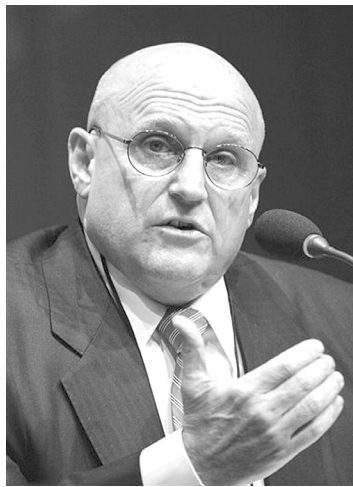
There is very little redaction, or blacking out, of detail in the memos, the officials said. The methods include keeping detainees naked for long periods, keeping them in a painful standing position for long periods, and depriving them of solid food. Other tough tactics included using a plastic neck collar to slam detainees into walls, keeping

the detainee's cell cold for long periods, and beating and kicking the detainee. Sleep deprivation, prolonged shackling and threats to a detainee's family also were used.

Among practices not allowed by the memo were to let a prisoner's body temperature or caloric intake to fall below a certain level, because either could cause permanent damage, the officials said.

The techniques were applied to 14 suspects considered particularly senior terrorists. Many of the methods were detailed in a secret 2007 report by the International Committee of the Red Cross. The New York Review of Books recently obtained a copy of the report.

The ACLU suit has sought to use the Freedom of Information Act to shed light on the treatment of prisoners in U.S. custody abroad, even though the Bush administration eventually abandoned many of the legal conclusions. The Obama administration has gone further to actively dismantle most of President George W. Bush's anti-terror program.



**FILE - In this Sept. 25, 2006 file photo, Richard Armitage speaks at the World and Northeast Asia Peace Forum in Seoul, South Korea. Armitage, former No. 2 State Department official in the Bush administration, says he would have resigned if he had known the CIA was subjecting terrorism suspects to waterboarding, an interrogation technique that simulates drowning. Armitage told Al Jazeera English television in an interview airing Wednesday April 15, 2009 that waterboarding is torture. However, he said he does not believe CIA officials who engaged in waterboarding and other forms of harsh interrogation should be prosecuted.**

Associated Press

## Race, service mark university shooting anniversary

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**BLACKSBURG, Virginia (AP)** — A 3.2-mile run followed by a somber memorial service at Virginia Tech on Thursday marked 2nd anniversary of the worst mass slaying in modern U.S. history. Two grieving families filed lawsuits.

Some 4,300 people, including several students hurt in the shootings and their families, joined the race around the main section of campus. It started with the release of 32 white balloons in memory of those killed by Seung-Hui Cho, who also took his own life. Runners then released balloons of maroon and orange, the school colors.

Later in the day, more than 2,000 people gathered to remember the accomplishments of the 27 students and five faculty members killed. They included about 100 relatives of victims and injured students.

"While the tragedy of April 16, 2007, touched us all, we know that 32 families continue to confront the deepest of all losses — the loss of a loved one, the loss of a life well-lived, and the loss of a bright and promising future," said Virginia Tech President Charles Steger.

Five students injured in the shootings at the Virginia university 270 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. participated in the memorial service. One, Colin Goddard, read an old Celtic prayer that said in part: "Be gentle as you walk with grief." Earlier in the day, students hurt in the shootings and their families were the core of the group of runners in the memorial race. Most of the 12 still on campus participated, said Debbie Day, head of the school's Office of Recovery and Support.

Katelyn Carney, one of the injured, graduated in December but came back for the anniversary.

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# Democrats: Texas gov. should disavow secession talk



Rep. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, foreground, is joined by other lawmakers at a news conference Thursday, April 16, 2009, in Austin, Texas. He called on Gov. Perry to clarify his anti-Washington words in which he has hinted some fed-up Texans one day might want to pull out of the union. Lawmakers, left to right from Dunnam: Rep. Hubert Vo, D-Houston; Rep. Terri Hodge, D-Dallas; Rep. Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio and Rep. Roberto Alonzo, D-Dallas.  
Associated Press

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AUSTIN, Texas – Republican Gov. Rick Perry insisted Thursday that his remarks about secession were not intended as an argument that Texas should leave the union, but Democrats still called his comments reckless and anti-American.

Perry's comments following an anti-tax "tea party" Wednesday never did advocate Texas breaking away from the United States but did suggest Texans might at some point get so fed up they would want to secede. And that was enough to feed opinions for and against secession on Web sites, cable

TV and talk radio across the nation. At the Texas Capitol on Thursday, Rep. Jim Dunnam of Waco, joined by several fellow Texas House Democrats, said some people associate talk of secession with racial division and the Civil War and that Perry should disavow any notion of

seceding. "Talk of secession is an attack on our country. It can be nothing else. It is the ultimate anti-American statement," Dunnam said at a news conference. The Democrats are proposing a House resolution expressing "complete and total disagreement with any fringe element advocating the 'secession' of Texas or any other state from our one and indivisible Union." Perry emphasized Thursday that he is not advocating secession but understands why Americans may have those feelings because of frustration with Washington, D.C. He said it's fine to express the thought. He offered no apology and did not back away from his earlier comments.

In his remarks, which were in response to a question from The Associated Press, Perry said he didn't think Texas should secede despite some chatter about it on the Internet and his name being associated with the idea. Perry answered the question as he walked away from the rally where some in the audience had shouted "Secede!" during his speech.

"We've got a great union. There's absolutely no reason to dissolve it. But if Washington continues to thumb their nose at the American people, you know, who knows what might come out of that. But Texas is a very unique place, and we're a pretty independent lot to boot," Perry said Wednesday. A day later, Perry said he found the fascination with the remark interesting. "I refer people back to my statement and I got a charge out of it," he said. "I was kind of thinking that maybe the same people that hadn't been reading the Constitution right were reading that article and they got the wrong impression about what I said. Clearly I stated that we have a great union. Texas is part of a great union. And I see no

reason for that to change." Perry has been speaking out against the federal government lately over federal economic stimulus spending. He's also in a tough race for re-election against a fellow Republican, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, and is trying to portray Hutchison as a Washington insider. Last week, Perry joined state lawmakers in showing support for a Texas resolution championing states' rights provided for in the 10th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. He voiced support for states' rights again Thursday. He also defended freedom of speech to a room full of journalists. "This is America, baby. First Amendment. We like it too, as well as the Second and the 10th (amendment)," he said. Dunnam suggested Perry is positioning himself for his political future.

"We all knew he wanted to be president. I just didn't know it was president of the Republic of Texas," he said to chuckles from onlookers. Perry spokeswoman Allison Castle responded, "It's unfortunate that Rep. Dunnam is trying to distract from the fact that yesterday thousands of Texans, including many in his own district, expressed their extreme displeasure at Washington's rampant taxation, big spending and bloated government." Other Democrats weighed in with criticism of Perry's remark. "Talk of secession would be laughable if it weren't mentioned in a serious way," said former ambassador Tom Schieffer, considering running for governor in 2010. State Sen. Rodney Ellis, a Houston Democrat, said some issues should not be made legitimate in any way. "By not rejecting out of hand the possibility of secession, Governor Perry is taking a step down a very dangerous and divisive path encouraged by the fringe of Texas politics," Ellis said.



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# Police: Two dead, one hurt in hospital shooting

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LONG BEACH, California (AP) — A hospital worker shot another employee to death, critically wounded a second and then killed himself at a medical center Thursday, sending panicked people fleeing, police and witnesses said.

Police Chief Anthony Batts Batts would not identify those involved at the shooting at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center but said all were male. He said the motive remained under investigation but noted the violence came amid a flurry of recent shootings in America.

"This is a trend of active shooters that you have seen nationwide," Batts said at a news conference. "This is becoming a national trend, probably because of the tension that's going on in our society today."

Batts said officers responding to gunfire just before noon found one victim inside the hospital and then discovered a second victim outside, on the north side of the hospital outside the emergency room. Both were taken to the emergency room; one was dead and the other was critical, he said.

The suspect was found dead near the second victim, he said.

Carmen Ortiz, 47, a hospital housekeeper, said she was outside for her break when she heard a gunshot and saw people running away from the building. She said her manager rushed out and told her to get inside.

"Then there was another shot, but I was inside," Ortiz said. "I was very frightened."

Hospital worker Edward Collins trembled as he recounted coming upon the violence.

"When I got off the elevator, I heard screams," Collins said. An upset friend told him she had just seen someone she knew shoot someone. Collins then saw the shooter holding what appeared to be a black handgun.

"He was standing over the guy he shot," he said.

Collins said the gunman eventually pointed the gun at his own head and pulled the trigger.

A woman, Charity Perez, told KCAL-TV her husband, a hospital valet, knew the gunman and identified him as a worker at a pharmacy. The police chief would not confirm that, pending notification of the employees' families.

Melo Dotski, a radiology department clerk, said she had known the shooter by his first name for about two years. She said she used to help him with transactions when she worked as a teller at a bank at the medical center.

"He made all kinds of jokes, he was a funny man," Dotski said.

"He was smiling, laughing, making sure everybody was doing OK."

Laura Harris told KCAL she saw the shooter walk up, pull a gun and shoot a hospital employee in the leg.

"Then the young man fell and then he stood over him and shot a couple more times. Then he (the shooter) put the gun up under his chin," and



Police secure the door of the emergency walk-in area as they surround the Long Beach Memorial Hospital after a shooting that left two people dead and one in critical condition, Thursday April 16, 2009 in Long Beach, Calif.

Associated Press

shot himself, she said.

A youth, Justin Hawkins, said doctors got people into rooms during the shooting before police arrived.

"The doctors did the best job possible," he told KCAL. "They made us feel safe, they

got us in the rooms as fast as possible, making sure nobody was in the hallways, making sure everyone was fine. And then the cops showed up really fast."

The approximately 460-bed hospital is one of six health

care facilities in Southern California operated by the not-for-profit MemorialCare system, run by Memorial Health Services.

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Spain's attorney general **Candido Conde-Pumpido** speaks during a breakfast meeting in Madrid Thursday April 15, 2009. Conde-Pumpido said meeting with journalists Thursday that prosecutors will recommend against opening an investigation into whether six former Bush administration officials sanctioned torture against terror inmates at Guantanamo Bay. Associated Press

# Spanish AG: No torture probe of U.S. officials

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MADRID (AP) — Spain's attorney general has rejected opening an investigation into whether six Bush administration officials sanctioned torture against terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, saying Thursday a U.S. courtroom would be the proper forum. Candido Conde-Pumpido's remarks severely dampen the chance of a case moving forward against the Americans, including former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. Conde-Pumpido said such a trial would have turned Spain's National Court "into a plaything" to be used for political ends.

"If there is a reason to file a complaint against these people, it should be done before local courts with jurisdiction, in other words in the United States," he said in a breakfast meeting with journalists. Spanish law gives its courts jurisdiction beyond national borders in cases of torture,

war crimes and other heinous offenses, based on a doctrine known as universal justice, but the government has made clear it wants to rein in the process.

Last month, a group of human rights lawyers asked Judge Baltasar Garzon, famous for indicting ex-Chilean ruler Augusto Pinochet in 1998, to consider filing charges against the six Americans. Under Spanish law, the judge then asked prosecutors for a recommendation on whether to open a full-blown probe. National Court prosecutors have not formally announced their decision, but Conde-Pumpido is the country's top law-enforcement official and has the ultimate say.

While an investigative judge like Garzon is not bound by the prosecutors' recommendation, it would be highly unusual for a case to proceed without their support. A senior court official told The Associated Press that a formal announcement would come Friday. He said prosecutors would

stop short of an outright call for dismissal of the case, but would raise a series of legal objections that would make it impossible for it to proceed in its current form. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media. Coming less than three months after the Bush administration left office, the case was the first of several international efforts to indict former administration officials. Human rights groups have also tried to bring suit against Bush officials in a German court. In addition to Gonzales, the complaint named ex-Undersecretary of Defense Douglas Feith; former Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, David Addington; Justice Department officials John Yoo and Jay S. Bybee; and Pentagon lawyer William Haynes.


It alleged that the men — who have become known as "The Bush Six" — cleared the path for torture by claiming in advice and legal opinions that the president could

ignore the Geneva Conventions, and by adopting an overly narrow definition of which interrogation techniques constituted torture.

But Conde-Pumpido rejected that argument, saying the case had no merit because the men did not themselves commit the alleged abuses. "If one is dealing with a crime of mistreatment of prisoners of war, the complaint should go against those who physically carried it out," Conde-Pumpido said.

Gonzalo Boye, one of the human rights lawyers who brought the case in Spain, said the decision by Conde-Pumpido was politically motivated and set a terrible course for Spanish justice.

"The attorney general speaks of the court being turned into a plaything. Well, I don't think the attorney general's office should be turned into a plaything for politicians," Boye told AP. "It is a terrible precedent if those intellectually responsible for crimes can no longer be held accountable."



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	matinee:	1:25	3:35				



# U.S.-Israeli differences over Palestinians emerge

MARK LAVIE  
Associated Press Writer  
JERUSALEM (AP) — Stark differences between U.S. and Israeli policy toward peace talks with the Palestinians emerged clearly Thursday in the first meetings between President Barack Obama's Mideast envoy and top leaders of the new Israeli government.

The envoy, George Mitchell, emphasized that Washington is aiming for creation of a Palestinian state. But Israelis avoided mention of Palestinian statehood, and the new foreign minister said past Israeli concessions have led to violence, not peace.

Mitchell met Thursday evening with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. An official in Netanyahu's office said the Israeli leader expressed misgivings about creating a Palestinian state in the West Bank because of concern that the militant Hamas group could take it over, as it overran Gaza in 2007.

The official said the experience of Israel's withdrawing from territory only to have it controlled by Palestinian extremists "is not going to be repeated."

Netanyahu also demanded that the Palestinians recognize Israel as a Jewish state, a step they have refused to take, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the talks were not public.

Mitchell used the term "Jewish state of Israel" twice in public statements Thursday.

Netanyahu has yet to unveil his policy on peace efforts but has spoken of shifting the emphasis to stimulating the Palestinian economy instead of supporting the process accepted by the U.S. and Israel up to now — direct negotiations toward a full peace treaty between two states.

Mitchell made the administration's goals clear to reporters while standing next to Avigdor Lieberman, the Israeli foreign minister, after their meeting.

"U.S. policy favors ... a two-state solution, which would have a Palestinian state living in peace alongside the Jewish state of Israel," Mitchell said.

In a statement, Lieberman questioned the basic premise that compromises by both sides would eventually lead to a peace accord.

"The historic approach has so far not brought any result or solution," a statement from Lieberman's office said. "The minister also said that the new government will have to come up with new ideas and a new approach."

Lieberman reinforced his public position that a year of apparently fruitless peace negotiations, which began after a U.S.-sponsored conference in Annapolis, Maryland, in November 2007 under the previous government of Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, were misdirected. Livni ran against Netanyahu in Israel's February 10 election.

Olmert has said he offered the

Palestinians all of Gaza, almost all of the West Bank, parts of Jerusalem, an exchange of territory and a corridor through Israel between the West Bank and Gaza, but the Palestinians turned it down.

"Past prime ministers were prepared to make wide-ranging concessions, and the result of the Olmert-Livni government was the second Lebanon war, the operation in Gaza, severance of relations with Qatar and Mauritania, Gilad Schalit still in captivity and the peace process at a dead end," Lieberman's statement said. Schalit is an Israeli soldier held by Hamas-linked militants in Gaza for nearly three years.

In response, Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said it means Israel will not conduct peace talks. "It's very obvious that this government rejects a two-state solution and the agreements (already) signed," he told The Associated Press by telephone.

Mitchell meets Friday with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, whose government controls only the West Bank. Also Thursday, Mitchell met President Shimon Peres, who tried to ease concerns that Israel might attack Iran's nuclear facilities if international pressure fails to stop development of nuclear weapons that could threaten Israel.

"Talk of a possible Israeli attack on Iran is not true," Peres told Mitchell. "The solution to Iran is not military."

Israel sees a nuclear Iran as



Israeli President Shimon Peres, right, meets U.S. Middle East envoy George Mitchell, center, at his residency in Jerusalem Thursday, April 16, 2009. Mitchell arrived in Israel Wednesday evening and will meet Israeli and Palestinian officials.

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the most serious threat to its existence. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has repeatedly called for Israel's destruction and Tehran has tested long-range missiles that could strike Israel.

While not directly threatening to take out Iran's nuclear facilities, Israel has kept the military option open.

Peres, a Nobel peace laureate and former leader of the dovish Labor Party, has a largely ceremonial role in Israeli public life. Strategic decisions are

made by Netanyahu and his government.

Promising a vigorous push for Israel-Palestinian peace, Mitchell made his first Mideast trip in January, just a week after Obama took office. A month later he accompanied U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to the region.

In violence Thursday, Israeli aircraft hit a building in northern Gaza. The military said it was booby-trapped with explosives. Palestinians said no one was hurt.

## Gunman shoots Guyana insurance commissioner

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — A gunman shot a Guyana official in charge of dissolving a failed insurance company as she drove to work Thursday, police said.

Insurance commissioner Maria Van Beek, who was hospitalized with a wound in her abdomen, has gained a high profile through the liquidation of Colonial Life Insurance Co. The company has 15,000 clients in this South American country. The motive for the shooting was unclear, assistant police commander Ivan Daniels said.

"We are investigating exactly what happened," he said.

The collapse of Clico has left many policyholders and pension fund contributors in Guyana anxious about the company's ability to honor its commitments. Earlier this week, Van Beek filed a report saying the company's liabilities of more than \$60 million far exceed its assets.

Guyana seized Clico after its parent company in Trinidad, CL Financial Ltd., received a government bailout. CL Financial suffered huge losses in real estate investments and could not borrow enough money on credit markets paralyzed by the global financial crisis.

President Bharrat Jagdeo's administration has said it will borrow from the Treasury to pay Clico policyholders, but payment could drag out over a 10-year period.

The bailout of the investment holding company — whose interests include manufacturing, health services, spirits, real estate and energy — sent shock waves across the 15-nation Caribbean Community bloc, where CL Financial is the largest business group.

Regulators in other countries including the Bahamas and Belize are moving to liquidate local Clico subsidiaries to protect depositors.

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# Dutch Jews applying to be part of Demjanjuk trial

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AMSTERDAM (AP) — Nine Dutch Jews will apply to a German court to participate in the prosecution of John Demjanjuk, who is accused of serving as a guard at the Nazi death camp where their relatives were murdered, an adviser to the group said Thursday.

Johannes Houwink ten Cate said the group plans to meet German legal representatives within a week to arrange permission to appear as co-plaintiffs in the war crimes case.

German authorities have indicted Demjanjuk, 89, for complicity in the deaths of 29,000 people at the Sobibor camp in Nazi-occupied Poland during a six-month period in 1943.

Of those, 27,000 were Dutch

citizens, said Houwink ten Cate, who is a professor of genocide studies at the University of Amsterdam and one of five academic advisers to the group.

He declined to identify the members of the group until after they have met the German lawyers. They range in age from 74 to 87, he said.

German law allows for victims of a crime or their relatives to join a trial as co-plaintiffs — offering them the opportunity to review evidence, file motions and question witnesses. However, cases are always led by public prosecutors.

On Thursday, a U.S. immigration appeals board denied Demjanjuk's request to reopen his deportation case. His legal fate now rests with a 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals court in Cincinnati,

Ohio, where the Ukrainian-born retired autoworker has mostly lived since immigrating in 1952.

Houwink ten Cate said the Dutch group was seeking to participate in the case to raise the profile of Sobibor, which was razed in 1943 and was largely unknown for many years after the war.

"They say they do not seek revenge," the historian told The Associated Press. "They are not interested whether he is sent to prison for a long time. They want the court in Munich to establish that he was at Sobibor and assess his complicity. They want the world to know what happened in Sobibor."

The Nazis occupied Holland in 1940, when the country had a Jewish population of 140,000. The Red Cross says 107,000 Dutch Jews were arrested and



In this May 3, 2006 file photo, John Demjanjuk, right, is questioned by his attorney during the civil trial for claims by Jerome Brentar in Cleveland.

Associated Press

deported, and only 5,200 of them survived the war.

Until 1943, most Dutch deportees were sent to Auschwitz, the largest death camp in occupied Poland. In March, the transports began taking them to Sobibor, said Houwink ten Cate. A total of 34,000 Dutch Jews passed through its gates. A few thousand were sent to sub-camps as workers, while the

rest were exterminated, he said.

Houwink ten Cate, who has written a 50-page study of the Ukrainian's movements until his departure for the U.S., said Demjanjuk came to Sobibor toward the end of March and left in early October, about two weeks before an uprising by inmates that led the Nazi authorities to demolish the camp.

## Ousted Thai PM urges protesters to reconcile



In this photo taken on Feb. 28, 2008, former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra waves to supports as he returns at the airport in Bangkok, Thailand. On Thursday, April 16, 2009, Thai authorities pressed ahead with a search for his supporters accused of leading violent riots in Bangkok.

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AMBIKA AHUJA

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BANGKOK (AP) — Ousted Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra joined his political rivals in calling for reconciliation after the mob violence that bloodied Bangkok's streets, but some of his supporters refused to give up their struggle to topple

Thailand's government.

Thaksin decried the violence that swept through the Thai capital earlier this week, when his followers and their allies clashed with soldiers, police and some city residents, leaving at least two people dead and more than 130 hurt. Thaksin spoke to The Associated Press on Thursday

in Dubai, where he is in self-imposed exile, just a few hours after Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva also called on Thais to peacefully resolve their differences.

"War will never end by war, it has to end by negotiation," said Thaksin, who earlier had called on his supporters to stage a "revolution" for democracy.

"If the government wants to reconcile, I will encourage the 'red shirts' to participate," Thaksin said, referring to the garb his supporters wear to distinguish themselves from his critics, who wear yellow.

He said he wanted 81-year-old King Bhumibol Adulyadej to help mend the country's political fractures. "I humbly urge his majesty to intervene ... that's the only solution," Thaksin said during a 20-minute interview.

The protests were the latest eruption in a long-simmering conflict set off by a 2006 coup that removed Thaksin from power. His supporters largely come from rural areas, while their "yellow shirt" foes are a

mix of the middle-class and ruling elite, royalists, academics and retired military.

The urban forces contend that the rural poor are not educated enough to vote responsibly.

Thaksin's supporters accuse Abhisit's four-month-old government of taking power through parliamentary trickery and want new elections. They accuse the country's elite of undermining democracy by interfering in politics, and some were in no mood to give up their demands.

"Thaksin is just a symbol ... I admire him but if he comes back and does bad things, we will get rid of him too," said Surasak Chaiyanond, 36, one of 200 people who went to the Bangkok Criminal Court to show support for red shirt leaders under arrest.

"It's not about him. It's about the people. I want to decide how this country is run," Surasak said.

The military ousted Thaksin, accusing him of corruption and abuse of power. He had been prime minister since 2001, with his party winning

two landslide victories. His support comes mainly from the country's poor majority, who laud his social welfare programs, including village development funds and virtually cost-free universal health care.

Holding Thaksin responsible for the recent violence, the government increased the pressure on him Wednesday by announcing it revoked his passport. Thaksin confirmed reports that he now has a Nicaraguan diplomatic passport but said he had not used it yet. He said he was given "honorary citizenship by Nicaragua" and added he will keep traveling from one place to another. Abroad at the time of the coup, he returned briefly to Thailand last year while his allies controlled the previous government but fled ahead of a corruption conviction. Abhisit, speaking at a news conference, said his government was concerned about Thaksin's activities on foreign soil. Thaksin delivers speeches to his followers by video links.



# Russia ends Chechen counterterrorism operation

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GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Chechens danced in the streets and waved flags to celebrate Russia's decision to end its decadelong counterterrorism operation in the war-weary southern region.

The order by President Dmitry Medvedev on Thursday paves the way for the withdrawal of tens of thousands of federal troops, whose presence has been hugely unpopular amid allegations of widespread abuses against civilians.

The counterterrorism operation — launched at the start of the second of two separatist wars that have battered the region in the last 15 years — involved curfews and limits on civilian air flights and limited access for journalists, among other measures.

Its cancellation boosted the authority of the region's Kremlin-backed President Ramzan Kadyrov, who joined several thousand people Thursday in dancing in a square in central Grozny. Motorists blared horns and waved Chechen and Russian flags from car windows, as schools and a university interrupted classes to let students to join celebrations. "I'm very happy that the horrible years we saw will never come back," said 21-year-old student Isa Musayev. "We spent those years in constant fear for our lives."

Kadyrov, who has steadily strengthened his grip on power since his election in 2007, had long pushed for an end to the counterterrorism operation in order to reduce the federal military presence in Chechnya and remove restrictions which hampered trade.

"This is a victory over evil which we have fought over the last 15 years," Kadyrov said in a statement. "A peaceful and prosperous Chechen Republic in the united family of peoples of Russia — that is our strategic course for the future."

He said the airport in Grozny would soon be opened for international flights and foreign trade, which he said



Young people dance celebrating the cancellation of the counterterrorism regime in Chechnya, in the regional capital Grozny, Chechnya, Thursday, April 16, 2009. Russia on Thursday ordered an end to its counterterrorism regime in Chechnya, a move that could lead to the withdrawal of tens of thousands of troops from the southern republic battered by two separatist wars in the past 15 years.

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would help attract investors from Arab nations and Europe. Kadyrov, whose election was choreographed by the Kremlin, has gained increasing popularity among Chechens as he has won more economic freedom for the region and brought many militants into line.

He is credited with bringing in millions of dollars in Russian funds to rebuild the war-ravaged capital, which artillery assaults and aerial bombing had turned into a

near-wasteland.

Kadyrov also persuaded hundreds of former militants to join his feared security units. But Chechnya has remained plagued by what international rights groups have called rights violations by Kadyrov's militia, including rampant abductions, torture and murder.

Amnesty International said Thursday's move must be followed by impartial investigations into past and continuing rights violations

committed by federal forces as well as by Kadyrov's militias and militants. They include indiscriminate killings, torture, abductions, arbitrary detentions and other abuses. "The true benchmark of a return to normality is to give people what they have been wanting for over a decade — they want the truth, and they want justice," said Irene Khan, Amnesty International's secretary general. "They want to know the fate and whereabouts of relatives and

friends who are among the disappeared, and they want those responsible brought to account."

Commentators said the measure represented Kadyrov's victory over Russian law-enforcement agencies, which have viewed the Chechen leader with suspicion.

"It strengthens Kadyrov and weakens the influence of the federal government," independent military analyst Alexander Golts said in a telephone interview.

Officials haven't said how many troops are currently stationed in Chechnya, but Golts put their number at 40,000, split about equally between the defense and interior ministries.

Interior Ministry spokesman Col. Vasily Panchenkov said last month that ending the regime could lead to the withdrawal of about 20,000 ministry troops, though one of its brigades and a division of military troops would remain. Russia said it intended to end the operation last month. But the decision was delayed after one of Kadyrov's strongest enemies, Sulim Yamadayev, was shot to death in Dubai. Police in Dubai said Kadyrov's right-hand man, Adam Delimkhanov, was suspected of ordering the killing.

## Bolivian police uncover plot against president

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Police say they broke up an international band of assassins plotting to kill President Evo Morales during a half-hour shootout in eastern Bolivia on Thursday.

Three suspects were killed and two arrested in the lowland city of Santa Cruz, the center of Morales' political opposition, after they resisted arrest, exchanged gunfire and detonated a grenade that blew out the windows of a hotel, police said. There were no other victims.

Morales said he ordered the attack after receiving word of the plot against him and Vice President Alvaro Garcia.

"I had information several days ago that they were preparing an assassination attempt," Morales told journalists in Venezuela's seaside city of Cumana, where he is attending a summit of the Bolivarian Alternative for the Nations of Our America. "Yesterday, I gave the vice president and the commander of the national police instructions to stage an operation and detain those mercenaries."

Police confiscated explosives, high-caliber weapons and plans to follow the president's motorcade, Police Commander Victor Hugo Escobar said in a news conference.

They included C-4 explosives "that don't exist in Bolivia," Vice President Alvaro Garcia said.



Bolivia's President Evo Morales, right, shakes hands with his Vice President Alvaro Garcia Linera as Morales holds up a law approved by Congress in La Paz, Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

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Escobar said that among those killed were Hungarians, while Garcia said in a statement that the band was composed of Croatians, Irish and Bolivian "far right."

Among the seized weapons in the 4 a.m. raid were rifles with telescopic sights. Documents were seized "pertaining not only to past events but future attacks against the highest authorities of the national government," Garcia said.



# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

### NBC broadcaster John Madden retires

NEW YORK (AP) — John Madden, the burly former coach who has been one of American football's most popular broadcast analysts for three decades, is retiring. Madden worked for the past three seasons on NBC's Sunday night NFL game. His last telecast was the Super Bowl between Arizona and Pittsburgh.

"It's time," Madden said. "I'm 73 years old. My 50th wedding anniversary is this fall. I have two great sons and their families and their five grandchildren are at an age now when they know when I'm home and, more importantly, when I'm not." Madden said he still loves all aspects of the game and his

job, and that's why it took him a couple of months to make the decision.

Madden's blue-collar style and love for in-the-trenches football endeared him to fans. His "Madden NFL Football" is the top-selling sports video game of all time.

Madden is reluctant to fly and often traveled to games in a specially equipped bus.

He began his pro football career as a linebacker coach at Oakland in 1967 and was named head coach two years later, at 33 the youngest coach in what was then the American Football League.

Madden led the Raiders to their first Super Bowl victory and retired in 1979. He joined CBS later that year.

He worked at CBS until 1994



In this Aug. 5, 2006 file photo, former Oakland Raiders coach John Madden gestures toward his bust during his enshrinement into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Madden, 73, the burly former head coach who worked as a broadcast analyst for all four major networks, is calling it quits. Madden worked for the past three seasons on NBC's Sunday night NFL game. His last telecast was the Super Bowl between Arizona and Pittsburgh. Associated Press

when the network lost rights to broadcast NFL games, leading him to switch to Fox. He left Fox in 2002 to become the lead analyst for ABC's "Monday Night Football" and

joined NBC in 2006 when that network inaugurated a prime-time Sunday game. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2006.

### Laureus Awards ceremony scrapped for this year

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AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — This year's Laureus Awards ceremony is being scrapped because of the global economic crisis, organizers of the gala event said shortly after announcing Thursday that Usain Bolt and Michael Phelps were among the nominees for the top men's prize.

The lavish, televised ceremony — often called the "Oscars" of the sports world — was held in Monaco from 2000-2003. It moved to Lisbon, Portugal, in 2004 and was then hosted in Barcelona, Spain, from 2005-07 and St. Petersburg, Russia, last year.

### NHL Playoffs

## Dubinsky's goal gives Rangers 4-3 win in Game 1

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the score tied in the third period, Markus Naslund popped out of the penalty box and set up the winning goal as the New York Rangers beat Alex Ovechkin and the Washington Capitals 4-3 in Game 1 of the NHL Eastern Conference series.

Naslund fed Brandon Dubinsky, who made a move that left defenseman Jeff Schultz sprawled on the ice. Dubinsky then beat goalie Jose Theodore inside the near post with 8:17 remaining. Scott Gomez had a goal and two assists, Nik Antropov and Naslund each had a goal and an assist, and Henrik Lundqvist made 32 saves for the seventh-seeded Rangers.

Tomas Fleischmann, Viktor Kozlov and Alexander Semin scored, Ovechkin had a pair of assists, and Jose Theodore made 17 saves for Washington.

Game 2 is Saturday in Washington.

Penguins 4, Flyers 1

At Pittsburgh, Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin each had a goal and an assist as Pittsburgh shut down frustrated Philadelphia's fleet of scorers.

Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury, idle for long stretches in the first two periods as his teammates controlled play at the other end, made 26 saves to help the Penguins win their fourth consecutive conference playoff series opener.

Tyler Kennedy and Mark Eaton also scored for the Penguins, who beat the Flyers in five games last year in the Eastern Conference finals. Simon Gagne scored late in the third period for Philadelphia.

Game 2 is Friday night in Pittsburgh.

Devils 4, Hurricanes 1

At Newark, New Jersey, Martin Brodeur made 18 saves, and Zach Parise and Jamie Langenbrunner each had a goal and an assist as New Jersey downed Carolina.

Defenseman Mike Mottau scored in the first period, Parise and Patrik Elias added goals in the second period, and Langenbrunner scored in the third.



New York Rangers center Brandon Dubinsky, left, celebrates his goal with teammate Markus Naslund (91), from Sweden, as Washington Capitals defenseman Mike Green (52) skates away during the third period of game one of Game 1 of Eastern Conference quarterfinal NHL playoff hockey game action in Washington, Wednesday, April 15, 2009.

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Martin Brodeur, who set the regular-season record for NHL career wins last month, came within 11 minutes of

tying Patrick Roy's record for career playoff shutouts at 23 before Ray Whitney scored on a rebound.



## NBA Roundup

# Spurs clinch Southwest Division with OT win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Michael Finley forced overtime with a 3-pointer as time expired, then Tim Duncan dominated to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a division-clinching 105-98 win over the New Orleans Hornets on Wednesday.

Coupled with Houston's loss to Dallas, the Spurs clinched the No. 3 seed in the Western Conference. The Hornets fell to the seventh seed.

New Orleans led by five points with 47.6 seconds left in the fourth period, but missed free throws gave the Spurs a chance. Finley took advantage, draining a 3-pointer as the clock ran down to zero.

### Mavericks 95, Rockets 84

At Dallas, Jason Kidd notched a triple-double and Jason Terry was superb in the fourth quarter, powering Dallas to a victory over Houston that started the

dominoes tumbling in the Western Conference playoff chase.

Dallas will be the No. 6 seed and play the Spurs in the playoffs. The Rockets will be fifth and open at Portland.

Kidd had 11 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds. Terry scored 14 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter.

Yao Ming scored 23 points — none in the fourth quarter for Houston.

### 76ers 111, Cavaliers 110, OT

At Cleveland, the Cavaliers lost for just the second time on their home floor this season as star player LeBron James and other regulars rested for the playoffs. Cleveland finished the regular season with 39 home wins — one short of tying the 1985-86 Boston Celtics' all-time home record of 40-1.

Andre Miller scored 30 points and Andre Iguodala 24 for

Philadelphia, which earned the No. 6 spot in the Eastern Conference playoffs, where it will meet the Orlando Magic.

Daniel Gibson scored 28 for the Cavaliers, the No. 1 overall seed. Cleveland will play Detroit in the first round of the playoffs.

### Raptors 109, Bulls 98

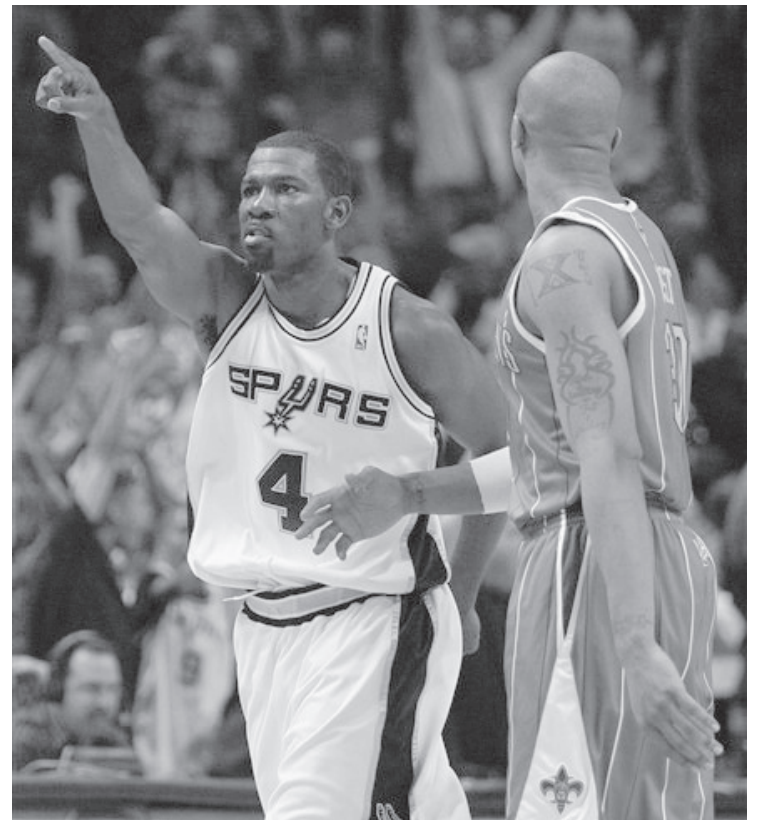
At Chicago, Shawn Marion scored a season-high 34 points, Chris Bosh set one with 19 rebounds while scoring 21, and Toronto ended Chicago's five-game winning streak.

The Bulls wound up with the seventh seed in the Eastern Conference and a first-round matchup with defending champion Boston.

Derrick Rose finished with 20 points and 11 assists, while Ben Gordon scored 23.

### Celtics 115, Wizards 107

At Boston, Eddie House sank five 3-pointers in the fourth quarter



San Antonio Spurs guard Michael Finley (4) reacts after he made a basket at the buzzer as New Orleans Hornets forward David West, right, looks on at the end of the fourth quarter of their NBA basketball game in San Antonio, Wednesday, April 15, 2009. San Antonio won in overtime 105-98.

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and Boston beat Washington without its three top players.

Caron Butler scored a season-high 39 points but couldn't keep the Wizards from matching their worst record for an 82-game season, 19-63, last in the Eastern Conference.

House had 20 points and set a single-season club record with a 44.4 percentage on 3-pointers.

### Magic 98, Bobcats 73

At Orlando, Florida, Tony Battie had 21 points, Mickael Pietrus scored 19, and Orlando tuned up for the playoffs with a victory over Charlotte.

Dwight Howard had 10 points and 12 rebounds in limited minutes to help Orlando snap its season-longest three-game losing streak. The third-seeded Magic will face Philadelphia in the first round of the playoffs.

Raymond Felton had 13 points, and Nazr Mohammed added 12 for the Bobcats (35-47), who finished with the best record in franchise history.

### Heat 102, Pistons 96

At Miami, Chris Quinn made a 3-pointer late in overtime to give Miami the lead and Dwyane

Wade wrapped the NBA scoring title while sitting out of Miami's victory.

Quinn scored a career-best 26 points.

Michael Beasley scored 12 of his 22 points in the first quarter for Miami, but left midway through the third quarter after getting hit near the right eye by the Pistons' Amir Johnson and did not return. Kwame Brown finished with 17 points and 13 rebounds for Detroit.

No. 5 Miami will start the playoffs at No. 4 Atlanta.

### Grizzlies 98, Hawks 90

At Memphis, Tennessee, O.J. Mayo scored 26 points and Rudy Gay added 20 to lead the Memphis over a second-string Atlanta.

Marc Gasol finished with 19 points for Memphis, which snapped a two-game losing streak. Hakim Warrick added 15 points, and Mike Conley finished with 12 points and seven assists. Flip Murray led the Hawks with 29 points, including 20 in the second half to keep Atlanta close. Maurice Evans chipped in 21 points.

## NL Roundup

# Marquis leads Rockies over Cubs 5-2

CHICAGO (AP) — Jason Marquis hit a two-run single off Rich Harden to put Colorado ahead then pitched the Rockies over his former team the Chicago Cubs 5-2 in the National League on Wednesday.

Marquis (2-0), who spent the previous two years with the Cubs, was booed during introductions before Monday's home opener and again several times on Wednesday. He hit a bases-loaded single in the second and allowed one run and five hits in seven innings. Seth Smith homered for the Rockies, who completed a two-game split on a cold afternoon.

Harden, rested for much of spring training to aid a balky shoulder, allowed four runs, five hits and four walks in three innings, his shortest outing since July 2007.

Cardinals 12, Diamondbacks



Colorado Rockies' Jason Marquis hits a single into center field, scoring teammate Ian Stewart and Troy Tulowitzki, during the second inning of their baseball game against the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field in Chicago, Wednesday, April 15, 2009.

Associated Press

At Phoenix, Ryan Ludwick homered and drove in three runs to lead St. Louis to a sixth win in seven games.

Ludwick is batting .407 and has hit in all seven games he's

played this season. He singled home a run in the third inning and added a two-run homer in the sixth. Chris Duncan added a single, double and triple and two RBIs.

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# AL Roundup

## Wakefield throws 4-hitter in Boston's win over A's



Seattle Mariners' Ken Griffey Jr. homers against the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, in the fifth inning during a baseball game in Seattle.

Associated Press

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Tim Wakefield finished with a four-hitter in the Boston Red Sox's slump-snapping 8-2 victory over the Oakland Athletics in the American League on Wednesday.

Wakefield, a 42-year-old knuckleballer, got within five outs of the first no-hitter of his 17-season major league career, nearly becoming the second-oldest pitcher to accomplish the feat after Nolan Ryan. Kurt Suzuki broke it up with a one-out single to left. Mike Lowell hit a two-run homer in the second inning, and J.D. Drew added a three-run drive during the six-run eighth for the Red Sox, who had lost six of seven during their worst start since 1996.

**Mariners 11, Angels 3**

At Seattle, Ken Griffey Jr. hit career home run No. 613 and his 400th as a Mariner in his second home game of his return season in Seattle. Ichiro Suzuki had two hits in his season debut following his first career stint on the disabled list, including

his first grand slam in six years during a seven-run seventh inning, to tie Isao Harimoto's Japanese record with hit No. 3,085.

Griffey's fifth-inning homer off starter Angels' Jered Weaver, his first as a Mariner in Seattle in 10 years, broke a 2-2 tie. Then Suzuki, who was out due to a bleeding ulcer, golfed a full-count pitch from Jason Bulger into the right-field bleachers.

**Tigers 9, White Sox 0**

At Detroit, Armando Galarraga threw 6 1-3 scoreless innings and Placido Polanco drove in three runs to lead Detroit to victory and end Chicago's three-game winning streak. Galarraga (2-0) gave up four hits and two walks while striking out five, and left to a standing ovation.

Jose Contreras (0-2) yielded five runs — three earned — on five hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Miguel Cabrera went 3-for-5 with a homer and two RBIs for the Tigers.

**Indians 5, Royals 4**

At Kansas City, Missouri,

Travis Hafner's second double keyed a three-run seventh inning, as Cleveland picked up its first road win of the season while avoiding a three-game sweep from Kansas City.

The victory made the struggling Indians 1-5 on the road, breaking a six-game road losing streak dating back to last year.

Called up from Triple-A Columbus to replace the injured Scott Lewis, left-hander Aaron Laffey went 5 1-3 innings and allowed only two runs and three hits on his 24th birthday.

**Yankees 4, Rays 3**

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Andy Pettitte pitched into the eighth inning, Robinson Cano hit a two-run homer and Derek Jeter singled in the go-ahead run in the ninth to lead New York.

Jeter also doubled in the eighth and scored the tying run on Johnny Damon's double off J.P. Howell. He delivered the tiebreaking run against Troy Percival (0-1) following a one-out double to Cody Ransom.

New York concluded a nine-game, opening trip and returned home for Thursday's debut of the \$1.5 billion new Yankee Stadium. CC Sabathia makes his first home start in pinstripes against his former team, Cleveland.

**Blue Jays 12, Twins 2**

At Minneapolis, Aaron Hill had four hits of five pitches, including one of Toronto's four home runs in four innings against Minnesota starter Scott Baker as the Blue Jays kept up their

torrid hitting.

Hill and Scott Rolen hit two-run shots against Baker, who came off the disabled list to make a forgettable first start of the season. Vernon Wells and Michael Barrett also went deep, sending Baker to an early exit.

The night was far more memorable for Blue Jays starter Scott Richmond (1-0), who got one out in the seventh before being removed and yielded just four hits, two runs (only one earned, due to a wild pitch) and three walks.

**Rangers 19, Orioles 6**

At Arlington, Texas, Ian Kinsler went 6-for-6 while hitting for the cycle as the Rangers beat the Orioles to snap a five-game losing streak.

Kinsler became the fourth player in Rangers history with a cycle, reaching the feat with a triple in the sixth inning. With his RBI double in the eighth, he became only the second Texas player with a six-hit game and then scored his fifth run, matching another team record.

Kris Benson (1-1), who missed the last two seasons after surgery to repair a torn right rotator cuff, earned his first win since Sept. 21, 2006.

**In other AL games Texas 19, Baltimore 6; Toronto 12, Minnesota 2; New York 4, Tampa Bay 3; Cleveland 5, Kansas City 4; Detroit 9, Chicago 0; and Seattle 11, LA Angels 0.q**

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# FARC anuncia que liberarán a militar 11 años cautivo

BOGOTA (AP) - La guerrilla de las FARC anunció el jueves que liberará a un suboficial del ejército secuestrado hace más de 11 años, según un carta de la organización rebelde publicada en la página de internet de la senadora Piedad Córdoba.

“Anunciamos nuestra decisión de liberar unilateralmente al cabo Pablo Emilio Moncayo y entregarlo personalmente a una comisión encabezada por la senadora Córdoba y el profesor (Gustavo) Moncayo, una vez se organicen los

mecanismos que garanticen la seguridad de la operación”, dice la misiva.

La carta fue dirigida por las FARC al grupo activista Colombianos por la Paz. Córdoba aún no se ha pronunciado sobre la carta.

El presidente Alvaro Uribe, al ser interrogado por los periodistas en la sede de gobierno sobre la noticia, respondió: “Que lo liberen cuanto antes. Nunca lo debieron haber secuestrado”.

“¡El viejo (Gustavo) Moncayo debe estar feliz! Vamos a

saludar al viejo Moncayo y a su hijo Pablo Emilio. Ojalá pronto esté en casa. ¡Qué bueno, qué buena noticia!”, reacción el presidente venezolano Hugo Chávez en la ciudad venezolana de Cumaná, a su llegada para la Cumbre del ALBA.

Chávez fue clave para que las FARC liberaran el año pasado a dos grupos de secuestrados. La liberación de Moncayo “es completamente cierta. Es una carta que llegó hoy y dice que las FARC lo liberarán unilateralmente”, dijo a la AP

el periodista Carlos Lozano, integrante de Colombianos por la Paz.

Lozano explicó que “puedo asegurar que la carta es cierta porque llegó por el mismo conducto, como han llegado otras comunicaciones en las que las FARC hablan de liberaciones”.

El suboficial Moncayo fue secuestrado por las FARC el 21 de diciembre de 1997 durante un asalto a la base militar de Patascoy, departamento de Nariño, en el suroeste del país.

Cuando fue secuestrado tenía 19 años de edad.

En la carta del jueves, el grupo guerrillero insiste en que está presto a un intercambio humanitario. Es decir, al canje de secuestrados por rebeldes de las FARC presos en cárceles colombianas.

En la toma guerrillera de Patascoy también fue plagiado el cabo del ejército José Libio Martínez, quien hoy tiene 34 años. La carta de las FARC no hace ninguna mención sobre su suerte.

## Obama visita México, elogia Calderón por lucha narco

MEXICO DF (Reuters) - El presidente estadounidense, Barack Obama, llegó el jueves a México para reunirse con el mandatario Felipe Calderón y apoyarlo en lo que llamó un “heroico” combate a los cárteles de la droga, que han convertido el norte mexicano en un baño de sangre.

Obama ha prometido aumentar los fondos previstos para ayudar a México a combatir a los cárteles de las drogas, cuyos enfrentamientos entre sí y con fuerzas de seguridad han dejado más de 10,000 muertos desde que asumió Calderón en el 2006.

“Creo que Calderón ha hecho un excelente trabajo, heroico, en lidiar con un problema muy serio, el de los cárteles de la droga”, dijo Obama en una entrevista con la cadena CNN en Español difundida el jueves, horas antes de llegar a México.

Calderón tiene desplegados a 45,000 soldados, sobre todo en estados fronterizos con Estados Unidos, en una estrategia que le ha ganado elogios pero también críticas por denuncias de abusos a los derechos humanos por parte de militares.

Un día antes de que llegara Obama, al menos 13 personas murieron en el occidental estado de Guerrero en un choque entre militares y presuntos narcotraficantes, un tipo de episodio que ha sido común a lo largo de todo el año pasado.

Aunque la visita de Obama es una escala de menos de 24 horas antes de viajar a la Cumbre de las Américas, en Trinidad y Tobago, la zona de la Ciudad de México donde se hospedará y se entrevistará con Calderón amaneció el jueves cercada de militares con rifles automáticos apostados en las principales avenidas y



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Sin embargo, analistas han dicho que, en tanto Obama batalla para superar una de las peores crisis económicas en la historia de Estados Unidos, no es posible esperar anuncios para México, que además pugna por una solución a los millones de inmigrantes ilegales que

viven en el vecino del norte. “Quiero asegurarme de que la gente en México entiende que vamos a hacer todo lo que podamos de nuestra parte para promover más seguridad, más paz y prosperidad en la región”, agregó Obama en la entrevista.

## Perú: Deslizamiento sobre dos pueblos, habría 30 muertos

LIMA (AP) - Un deslizamiento de tierra cayó el jueves sobre dos localidades de la sierra norte de Perú y se teme que habrían muerto sepultadas hasta 30 personas, informó la Defensa Civil del gobierno. El comandante Walter Tapia, Coordinador del Centro de Operaciones Especiales de Emergencia del Instituto Nacional de Defensa Civil, dijo que

el aluvión cayó en horas de la mañana del jueves sobre los pueblos Chamanacucho y Aricapampa, en el departamento de La Libertad, a 480 kilómetros al noreste de Lima.

“Habría entre 20 y 30 desaparecidos con 25 viviendas afectadas”, dijo Tapia a la AP.

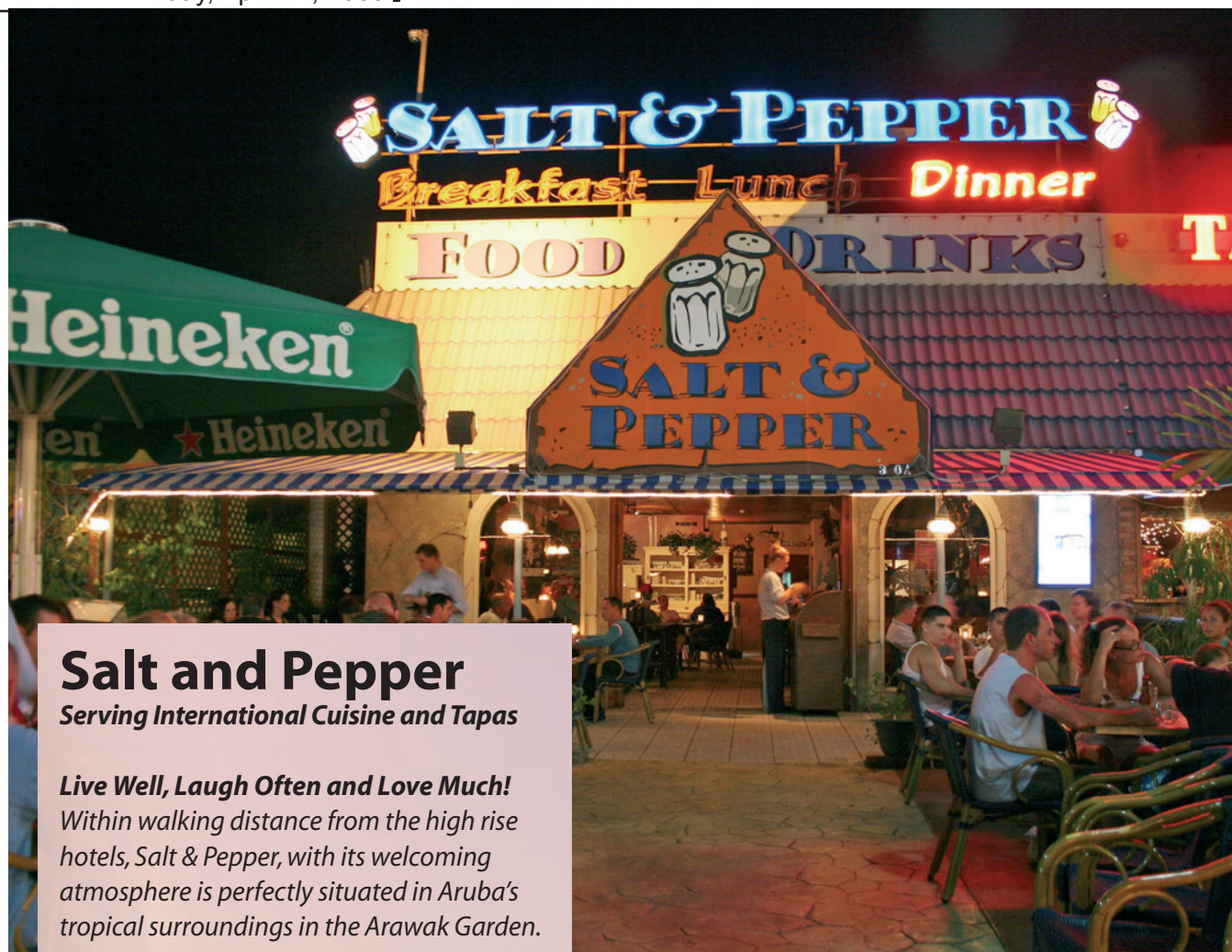
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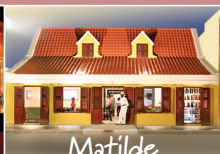
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